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FOR ASS'T SECRETARY BUFFUM FROM AMB FERGUSON

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TAGS: ECAFE, OCON

SUBJ: ECAFE: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SECRETARY'S UNGA SPECIAL
SESSION SPEECH

1. FIRST WEEK'S DEBATE AT ECAFE PLENARY WAS ENCOURAGINGLY DEVOID
OF IDEOLOGICAL JINGOISM ON PART REGIONAL LDC.

I RECOGNIZE THAT ECAFE REGION HAS FEW
EXTREME RADICALS AND THAT POLITICAL DYNAMICS OF UNGA DIFFERENT
FROM ECAFE.

2. BUT WHAT IMPRESSES ME MOST IS REAL CONCERN AND UNPRECEDENTED
ANXIETY, ESPECIALLY OF SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES REGARDING THEIR
ECONOMIC FUTURE. PARTLY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THESE CONCERNS BUT
ALSO BECAUSE INDICATIONS ARE THAT THERE WILL BE COMPETITIVE
CURRYING OF LDC S FAVOR ON PART OIL EXPORTS AND OTHER MAJOR
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DONORS, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE IF SECRETARY'S

SPEECH TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION COULD INCLUDE AS MANY SPECIFICS
AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT US IS PREPARED TO DO. FOLLOWING ARE COME
SUGGESTIONS.
(I REALIZE SOME OF THESE MAY REQUIRE HIGH LEVEL POLICY DECISIONS.)

A) US SEEKS THROUGH INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS
AND NEGOTIATIONS REVIEW OF OIL PRICES TO EASE IMMEDIATE
BURDEN ON OIL CONSUMERS AND WORLD ECONOMY AT SAME TIME
SAFEGUARDING LONG-TERM INTEREST OIL PRODUCERS.

B) AMONG HIGHEST PRIORITIES OF US ADMINISTRATION IS
FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION AND TO ENCOURAGEMENT OF EXPANDED
PRODUCTION OF GOODS IN SHORT SUPPLY.

C) PRESIDENT ATTACHES HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO OBTAINING
CONGRSSIONAL APPROVAL FOR US CONTRIBUTION TO IDA REPLENISH-
MENT.

D) ADMINISTRATION IS SEEKING INCREASED FUNDS FROM CONGRESS
FOR FY 75 AID PROGRAM; ALTHOUGH TENTATIVE ALLOCATIONS HAVE
BEEN MADE, WE ALSO SEEK FLEXIBLE AUTHORITY TO REALLOCATE AID
TO THOSE MOST IN NEED AND IF NECESSARY TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE
FOR B/P ASSISTANCE.

E) THANKS TO GOOD HARVEST PROSPECTS WE HOPE TO HAVE MORE
FOOD AID AVAILABLE; WE ARE SHIFTING EMPHASIS TO FEED THE
POOREST OF POOR COUNTRIES, FROM PL 480 TITLE I TO TITLE II
PROGRAMS AND HERE TOO WE WILL STAND READY TO REALLOCATE TO THOSE
IN GREATEST NEED EVEN AT EXPENSE OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS
UNDERTAKEN UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

F) TO HELP OUT
TH IMMEDIATE FERTILIZER CRISIS, US
STANDS READY TO EXTEND ASSISTANCE - TECHNICAL, MATERIAL,
MANAGERIAL -TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND OUTPUT OF EXISTING
FERTILIZER PLANQHS, ESPECIALLY IN LDC S. ALSO, EVEN THOUGH
THERE IS SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZERS IN US AND US IS NET
IMPORTER OF FERTILIZERS, US IS ENDEAVORING ZZ SET ASIDE
SOME FERTILIZERS FOR ALLOCATION TO LDC S TO ALLEVIATE SERIOUS
HARDSHIPS.
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G) USG IS GIVING HIGHEST PRIORITY TO DEVELOP A
FEASIBLE, EFFICIENT AND EQUITABLE SCHEME TO BUILD UP WORLD
FOOD RESERVES.
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